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LASSIGNY FALLS; 15000 HUNS TAKEN IN LAST 48 HOURS

PARIS, Aug. 22.—(10 A. M.)—The armies of General Mangin and General Humbert are closing in on Noyon, the bulwark of the German line, from two directions.

In the past 48 hours the French have taken more than 15,000 prisoners and a vast quantity of material, including thousands of machine guns and hundreds of cannons.

After taking Lassigny, the French passed beyond in the direction of Vauchelles (1 1/2 miles west of Noyon). They have reached La Mare and Mont La Bache and possess Mont Chersy, dominating the Oise.

In places the French are only a few hundred yards from Noyon, and are heavily bombarding it with field guns. They are also raining shells on the German exits toward Ham, 12 miles to the north. Military writers declare Noyon is already untenable and predict an immediate withdrawal beyond the Somme.

Fighting is continuing along a front of practically 35 miles, extending on both sides of the Oise. Allied aviators, bombing enemy areas beyond Noyon, report considerable disorder and apparent preparations for a big retirement.

Great Crowds at the Fair

The fair this week is what the small boy would call a "hummer," the attendance probably never being exceeded. Yesterday, of course, was the banner day. Wednesday's crowd was up to high water mark, but the rain in the afternoon ended the sports and brought things to a close very suddenly.

Outside the horses, the stock department was a little shy, and the displays in the art and horticultural halls were hardly up to the usual fair. Midway was short of shows and there was not the usual hilarity. But the crowds were there. It is still the old Banner Fair.

MARCH REPEATS HIS STATEMENT

Eighty American Divisions Can End the War Next Year.

APPEARS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Early Enactment of the Man Power Bill Extending the Draft Age Limit Urged by the Chief of Staff, Secretary Baker and General Crowder.

Washington, Aug. 20.—General March, chief of staff, testifying before the house military committee, again declared that 80 divisions of American troops in France under the man power bill can end the war successfully in 1919.

Eighty divisions is approximately 3,200,000 men. He declared again that this large American force could break the German lines wherever they wished.

General March also said that the American army in France and here at the present time numbers 3,012,112, including 277,665 drafted men to be called during August. The total in the army under the new man power bill will be about 4,500,000 men, General March added.

The general followed Secretary Baker, whose testimony dealt largely with the position of men in 18 in the new draft. Mr. Baker said he plans to put men of 18 in a special classification and defer their calling until the last. But even with this, it would be necessary to begin calling men of 18 by next March and that class would probably be exhausted by June of next year, he said.

General Crowder outlined his plan of calling men under the new draft as follows: The registration cards of men of 18 and those above 36 will be laid aside by the draft boards, which will at once start classifying men of 19 and 20 and men of 32 to 36 inclusive. Many of these men will be put into class one and many of them called immediately. After the boards finish this classification they will start the classification of men above 36, many of whom will go into class one on the same footing as the men previously classified.

Secretary Baker declared that there was no intention of making a point of calling men above 36 before calling those below 21, and also said that deferred classification on the grounds of dependency would be governed by the same rules as at present. He specially denied that marriage alone would be made a cause for exemption. "Leave it to the regulations and we'll disregard all marriages contracted to escape the draft," Baker concluded.

It appears probable that the bill will be debated simultaneously in the senate and house the last of this week and passed soon thereafter. Senate prohibition advocates agreed to temporarily lay aside the national prohibition bill and give the man power program the right of way.

During the week General Foch, supreme commander of the allied forces, definitely connected up the battles of the Aisne and the Somme. This was accomplished by a series of successful local attacks. Military experts expect to see the fighting spread between the Aisne and Oise, for allied victory in that region would break the hinges of both the Aisne and Somme lines and compel a German retirement on both sides of the new battle area.

Following closely upon the German evacuation of front line positions north of Albert, which were taken over by the British came another voluntary relinquishment of trenches in the Lys sector. The village of Vieux Berquin has been given up and ground over a front of about nine miles to a depth of from one to two miles has been ceded without fighting. Under British pressure the Lys salient is gradually giving way.

French and Canadian troops between Gouvaucourt and Laucourt, on a front of about three miles, fought their way west of Roye until they are virtually knocking at the door of the town, which is one of the keystone positions of the German defense in Picardy. West of Roye the allied line is only a scant mile and a quarter distant.

American forces scored a notable success in Lorraine, where after hot fighting they captured the town of Frapelle, near St. Die. They have pressed on and gained more ground notwithstanding a heavy bombardment by the enemy.

From Solismans to Rheims the allies, among them a considerable American force, have been doing little since the Americans regained their positions at Fismette, across the Velle from Fismes, after being

driven back over the river by a furious assault by the Germans.

The fighting in Russia has begun to assume proportions which will attract considerable attention if present operations continue. The allies have advanced southward from Archangel for a distance of 100 miles, with Volozda as their objective. American, British, French and Japanese forces have arrived at Vladivostok, in Siberia. They will protect the rear of the Czechoslovaks who are advancing against the Bolsheviks. Batum on the Caspian sea has been occupied by the British.

Aug. 20.—In the Lys sector, west of Arras, the enemy retreated over a front of nearly six miles, leaving the town of Merville in British hands. Between the Matz and Oise rivers the French have fought their way to the western outskirts of the dominating position of Lassigny. Around the curve in the battle line, north of the Somme, the French, from near Carisport to Pontenoy, on the Aisne, a distance of approximately nine miles, have driven back the enemy to an average depth of more than a mile and captured several villages and 2,200 prisoners.

In a new offensive launched by the French general, Mangin, from a front of approximately 15 1/2 miles, from Balloy on the Oise to the Aisne near Solismans, the French, in bitter fighting, have carried forward their line to an average depth of two and a half miles. Numerous enemy held villages and farms were captured. In addition more than 8,000 Germans were prisoner. Northward the Lys salient has been narrowed down by the operations of the British, who, north of Merville, have taken the villages of Vlerhoek and La Couronne, and also reached the hamlet of L'Epinette. This gain represents a forward movement of about a mile and a half.

DIFFERENT KINDS PRO-GERMANISM

Henry Myers, a well known farmer of Center township, was knocked down by Dayton Fast in front of the Laudahn & Meservay grocery store, last Saturday night.

Fast attacked Myers on the ground that the latter was pro-German, and gave him several blows. Myers had his arms filled with groceries and was taken unawares by his assailant, who deemed it his duty to administer the punishment.

Mr. Myers disclaims in full the stigma of being pro-German and says he is not even a German American, but a loyal American and states in proof thereof that he has given to the Red Cross, bought Liberty Bonds and complied with whatever requests for aid has been made to him. No arrests were made.—Daily Standard.

From what we can learn the trouble grew out of Myers growling about threshing regulations, just as if he was better than anybody else. There are two many of that class. Complaints about measures the government sees fit to take to keep the hogs from getting it all, just because they have the money, is just as reprehensible as any other pro-German attitude.

Saturday evening on our way home we saw a similar case, where a man pretty well loaded with booze was kicking to Grocer Suhr because he was only allowed to buy so much sugar. He probably did not know he had already got more than his share of sugar in the drinks that helped make him growl. The grocery men are on-lyonding their duty when they refuse to go above the limit in sales of food the government is trying to distribute alike to all. They would like to sell you more than you could cart home, and if you had a thimblefull of sense you would know it.

The Dayton Fasts may be able to make some think.

45 MORE SELECTS LEAVE MONDAY

Forty-five young men from this county are to respond to the call to go to Camp Taylor, Ky., next Monday, the 26th. The list includes the remaining men of class one of the first registration, and is filled up with new registrants, the latter being exempted this week. They will leave over the Cincinnati Northern in a special train, carrying other contingents, at 11:25 a. m. The class includes:

Lawrence Springer, Mendon. Anthony Huegling, New Weston. Julius Bertke, Maria Stein. Clarence Krogman, Celina. Henry Crouch, Celina. Edgar Rhodes, Celina. Ben Kammel, Ft. Recovery. Edward Gehm, Rockford. Orville Thees, Coldwater. George Spahn, Celina. Otto Bauer, Celina. Leo Braun, Coldwater. Nicholas Schmitz, Burkettsville. Earl Morgenstern, Ft. Recovery. Ben Siegert, Celina. John Burden, Celina. Edward Kittle, Celina. John Abel, Coldwater. Henry Hehmer, Coldwater. Bernard Meier, Carthage. Noah Gilbert, Celina. Otis Rutledge, Rockford. Leo Bruns, St. Henry. Carry Hines, Rockford. Leo Hinder, Burkettsville. Fred Oringer, Coldwater. Frank Westergies, Dayton. Stephen Scott, Ft. Recovery. Oscar Buck, Celina. John Wendel, Ft. Recovery. Hugo Bruns, Dayton. Glen Fennig, Celina. Frank Neiberding, Celina. Leo Shaffer, Rockford. Carl Schultz, Celina. Eldon Bair, Celina. Frederick Hurst, Celina. James Enyart, Celina. Paul Severns, Mendon. Monroe Schroyer, Ft. Recovery. Harold Eichenauer, Celina. Christian Ranley, Ft. Recovery. Jacob Hool, Celina. Constantine Fecher, Recovery. Alfred Schindler, Coldwater.

REGISTER TOMORROW FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Saturday, August 24, is the day for registration for military service for all young men who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, last, and all must register in accordance with the recent proclamation of President Wilson.

Jackson Okey, of Detroit, Mich., has been made defendant in a case filed in the Common Pleas Court of this county by Nancy Okey, his wife, who seeks divorce on the ground of gross neglect of duty and failure to provide the common necessities of life for the past three years or more. Another matrimonial wreck.

Miss Opa Kohn, of this city, and Earl Raymond, of St. Marys, were quietly wedded at the Mayor's office in this city last Saturday. Spouse Rice performing the ceremony which made them husband and wife.

Frank Hill a resident of Short's addition in the West End, suffered a fracture of his left leg in a fall last Wednesday, while working on a house north of this city.

Mrs. L. R. Balleweg and children, of Pueblo, Colorado, have returned to their home after spending the summer in this city, the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Creeden.

AGED LADY THROWN AND SERIOUSLY INJURED

Mrs. Kate Shinnberry, a venerable lady, aged 79, residing near Mercer, met with a distressing accident last Monday. She became entangled in a rope to which a calf had been tied and was thrown to the ground, sustaining fractures of her shoulder blade and left leg below the knee. She was alone at the time, and was found by passers-by, who carried her into her home and called surgical aid. Owing to her advanced age, her injuries are regarded as critical.

THAT 20-YEAR GAS FRANCHISE

At the meeting of council Monday night, at which the gas question had the center of the stage, there were but few members of that body present and the people were by their absence, probably thinking the recent increase in the gas rate from 35 to 50 cents was sufficient to appease the appetite of the Lima Gas Co., of which the Celina gas company is a cog.

The wants of the gas company is partly explained by the Daily Standard, which seems to have the ear of President Carlin. The following paragraph from it is enlightening if not convincing: "The natural gas ordinance has passed granting the increase in price. It is the question of \$1.40 per thousand for artificial gas that is hanging over the heads of the people. The ordinance was passed a month of five years as to price, and the franchise asked for is 20 years."

It is the question of artificial gas at \$1.40 per thousand that the Standard says is hanging fire. It should have included the 5 and 20 years. Let the tail go with the hide. Twenty years is a good span and Celina might wake up before that if not administered too much dope, and the twenty year franchise it speaks of so softly might prove a stone about its neck. If a 20-year franchise does not give the company an exclusive field, what does it want it for?

The ordinance also carefully notes that the Richmond (Ind.) Light, Heat and Power Co., at Richmond, Ind., has asked the Board of Public Works to accept a new gas rate of \$1.35 per 1000 feet during the winter in price for artificial gas because of the low natural gas pressure. We don't think that is much of an argument for a five lease at \$1.40 and a 20-year franchise, and we can't see that the Richmond plan for an anticipated shortage in the winter is a parallel case, unless it, too, has a nigger in the wood.

There is nothing in the ordinance or proposed franchise that we are aware of to keep the company from going at any time from natural gas to alleged "artificial" gas and from 50c to \$1.40. It is only necessary to treat the natural gas to a process of what one might call distillation to make it fill the bill of "artificial"—and there you are.

The Mayor and members of council who were at Monday night's meeting were right when they declared they would not act unless the people showed some sign of approval in the matter. There will be another meeting at the council chamber next Monday evening on the question, and it is hoped the people of the town will wake up by that time.

But make haste slowly. You may not want to be yoked to the Lima gas chariot nor to war-time prices for natural artificial gas for 20 years, or even five.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN WITH FULL CORPS TEACHERS

The public schools of this city will open for 1918-19 term on Tuesday, September 2. The following corps of teachers will assist Superintendent Senebaugh in this year's school work:

West Building
First Grade—Miss Elizabeth Cook
Second—Miss Leona Winter
Third—Miss Claudia Kenney
Fourth—Miss Belya Dine
Fifth—Miss Rowena Hight
Sixth—Goldie Enyart
Seventh—Miss Kathryn Hight
Eighth—Brice Kinkley

East Building
First Grade—Miss Kathryn Cook
Second—Miss Naomi Fennig
Third—Miss Emma Karr
Fourth—Miss Freda Weisman
Fifth—Miss Mary Langel
Sixth—Miss Mabel Andrews
Seventh and Eighth—W. H. Thoms.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT MT. CARMEL NEXT SUNDAY

The Mt. Carmel Church of God service will be Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, when a number of stars will be added to the service flag of the congregation.

Next Sunday also marks the close of another year's work and all members should be present for the last service of the eldership year.

IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

A miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Anna Kaus by Mrs. Andrew Sehunc and daughter, at the County Infirmary residence last Friday. It was a notable social event and Miss Kaus received many remembrances in the way of cut glass, linen, china and silver ware. She is to become the bride of Wm. Forsthorst, a well known local contractor of this city, to-morrow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
Earl Raymond, aged 22 years, a farmer, St. Marys, and Opa Kohn, aged 17 years, Celina.

Gerhard Bertke, aged 27 years, a blacksmith, of Carthage, and Miss Isabella Boeckman, aged 18 years, housekeeper, Coldwater.

Albert Belersdorfer, aged 31 years, blacksmith, Celina, and Clara Morris, aged 38 years, housekeeper, Celina.

G.O.P. CHIEFS BOOST POLITICAL GAME WILLIS AS GUEST

While announcing at the outset of his speech that his address would be purely non-partisan, and strictly patriotic, in keeping with the order of the day, former Governor Francis B. Willis, again the Republican nominee for chief executive of the state, addressing a big crowd at the Mercer County Fair grounds in this city on Wednesday morning, got off the patriotic track long enough to declare himself for prohibition, both State and National, and insist that every candidate for office in the state this year should be made to announce their attitude on the liquor question.

Governor Willis' speech in this city was his first public utterance since his nomination on the 13th, and his references were plainly directed at Governor Cox.

Willis arrived here from Columbus about eleven o'clock and was taken in tow by the main-stay of the local G.O.P. organization, including Editor Adolph, of the Observer; Probate Judge Younger, W. T. Palmer, head of the local Dry Republican Federation, and Insurance Agent Edgar J. Brookhart, the Republican nominee for Representative.

The latter in a lengthy introductory of his former tutor, exploited his own patriotism and hinted, as his campaign literature does, at the question of loyalty of Representative Fred Huber, of Franklin township, Democratic nominee for re-election, a little piece of political bunk which all "100 Per Cent Americans" who know Mr. Huber's attitude, can not but resent.

DEMS ORGANIZE FOR CAMPAIGN

The members of the new Democratic Central Committee selected at the primary on the 13th inst. met at Court room yesterday morning and organized by the selection of the following officers:

Chairman, J. F. Steinbrunner. Vice Chairman, L. H. Stelzer. Secretary, J. E. Hamburger. One vacancy existed on the Central Committee, in Burkettsville corporation, and the committee selected Joe Droeche, of that village to fill the place.

The following Executive Committee was chosen, and they have been called to meet at eight o'clock tonight for organization: J. W. Loebe, B. A. Myers, S. L. Evans, P. E. Kenney and J. F. Steinbrunner, of this city; Dr. M. L. Downing, of Rockford; J. B. Albers, of Coldwater; George I. Thomas, of Center township, and Frank Feltz, of Marion township.

The following are the members of the Central Committee: Black Creek—J. E. Pifer, Willshire. Burkettsville—Joe Droeche. Butler—Chas. Stukenborg, Coldwater. Celina, First Ward—H. J. Stelzer. Celina, Second Ward—J. F. Steinbrunner, Chairman. Celina, Third Ward—John Wenning.

Celina, Fourth Ward—J. E. Hamburger, Secretary. Center—H. S. Lewis, Celina. Chickasaw—J. P. Kroeger. Coldwater—F. W. Wagner. Dublin, East—G. M. Counterman, Mercer. Dublin, North—Wm. Pifer, Rockford. Dublin, South—H. E. Pond, Rockford.

Ft. Recovery, North—Otto Sommers. Ft. Recovery, South—W. O. Siemmer. Franklin—Jos. Klosterman, Montezuma. Gibson—Adam Hoenig, Ft. Recovery. Granville—J. G. Luken, St. Henry. Jewell—Chas. Frahm, Celina. Jefferson—John Knapp, Celina. Liberty—Chris Linn, Celina. Marion, East—Jos. Goeke, Maria Stein.

Marion, West—Frank Woeste, St. Henry. Mendon—W. M. Hays. Montezuma—Cloyd Tobin. Recovery—Steve Schoch, Ft. Recovery. Rockford—C. L. Rutledge, Vice Chairman. St. Henry—J. J. Schlosser. Union—Merl Roller.

Washington, North—Jos. Adams, Celina. Washington, South—Ben Vonderhaar, Ft. Recovery.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Chat Beam, a former well known Mercer County man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Beam, of this city, was accidentally killed in an automobile accident at his home at Bridgeport, Ill., last Saturday. Two other men with him were only slightly injured.

Boone Beam, a brother of the deceased, left here on receipt of the news of the death and brought the remains back to this city, accompanied by the wife and daughter of the deceased. A son, a gunner in the U.S. Navy, also survives.

Upon arrival here the remains were taken to the home of his parents, where funeral services were held last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. TouVelle, of Canton, on their way home from a trip to Indiana, are enjoying a visit with the old home folks of Mr. TouVelle's and the old county fair.

ALL OFF WITH HENRY

Genettie A. Peters, of West Logan street, this city, filed a petition again in the Common Pleas Court, asking a divorce from Henry G. Peters, her husband No. 2. She claims Henry has shown an evil temper toward her as well as her young daughter by a former husband, and that he failed to supply her with the common necessities of life. The couple were married in 1912. No children were born to them.

ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST?

Now that the candidates of both political parties for the nomination of Representative to the next State Legislature have been selected, the question of their position on the only vital domestic question before the people at the November election is desired and can't be dodged. We refer to the ratification of the National Prohibition amendment. The Legislature to be chosen this fall is confronted with this issue, and its membership will decide its fate.

The people of the county have a right to know where their Representatives stand—for or against. No ifs ands go. The Democrat wishes a plain statement from the county's candidates for Representative. It is up to Mr. Huber and Mr. Brookhart.

C. C. CARLIN, Editor Democrat.

Political Gossip

Following is the vote cast for the various Democratic candidates for county offices at the primary election on the 13th inst:

For Representative—Huber 1473
For Sheriff—Betz 1202
Fischer 812
Snider 428
For Clerk of Courts—Schindler 1139
Hinders 1131
For Auditor—Ungerer 1766
For Treasurer—Baker 1908
For Commissioner—Now 1745
Hill 1733
Steinbrunner 1695
For Recorder—Wolfe 1731
For Prosecuting Attorney—Stubbs 1644
For Surveyor—Morrison 1742
For Coroner—Tobin 1456

Ezra Snider, who made the race for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff in the primary last week, but failed to land, has the satisfaction of knowing his home town of Coldwater stood by him handsomely, giving him 152 votes out of 220 cast.

George M. Betz, the Democratic nominee for Sheriff, wishes to express his gratitude to the voters of the county for the splendid vote they gave him in the primary last week, and should he be successful at the polls in November, promises to take care of the public business in the same careful manner that he would look after his private affairs—courtously, but without fear or favor.

Local Briefs

Joe Hauk, aged 28 years, was arrested by Marshal Duncan Saturday night. He is charged with failing to file his questionnaire after registering with the Freedom, Pa. draft board.

Mark Pene, aged 33 years, a deserter from the regular army, was arrested in this city last Friday evening by Sheriff Ora Hinton, of Wapakoneta, and taken to that place for a hearing.

The Rogers property, in the Brookside addition, south of Logan street, will be sold at Sheriff's sale next Tuesday morning at the court house. It consists of a house and two lots, appraised at \$575.

While cranking his automobile on last Sunday morning, Frank Smith, a well known farmer residing west of this city, had the thumb of one hand badly lacerated when he was thrown against a wagon standing near.

Edward Staeger, arrested Saturday night by Officer Heistan on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and locked up in jail, was before Mayor Morrow Sunday morning, who awarded him with the customary dose of \$5 and costs.

Mrs. Fred Varwig and little six-year old son, Henry, are both sick with typhoid fever. Mrs. Varwig has been bedfast the past couple of weeks and shows little signs of improvement. The child was taken ill the first of the week.

Mercer county up to this time has but three registered nurses in service in the world war—Miss Rosa Raub, of St. Anthony; Miss Addy Johnson, a daughter of Mrs. L. N. Johnson, of this city, and Miss Philona Miller, of Mercer. Thousands of nurses are needed and the local Red Cross Chapter is trying to secure Mercer County's quota.

YOUNG GIRL VICTIM YOUNG MEN'S LUST

Clyde Sweeting, aged 23, and John Depmore, aged 20, were arrested and locked up last Saturday night on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of Bertha Daugherty, a 17-year-old Liberty township girl, who has been staying in this city for the past several weeks.

Saturday night Miss Daugherty, in company with a young man by the name of Swathwood, were on their way to the home of the girl's sister, when they were stopped by Sweeting and Depmore. Her escort was told to get, and he came back to town and informed Night Officer Heistan of the occurrence. The officer found the trio at the home of Depmore, where he arrested the two young men and subsequently locked them up in the city bastille. Sunday the three had a hearing in Mayor Morrow's court, who transferred the case to the juvenile court. At the hearing before Probate Judge Younger Monday, the girl was ordered to the Girls' Industrial Home, at Lancaster, and Depmore and Sweeting were sentenced to six months in the Dayton work-houses.

If the young men were the cause of the young girl's downfall, it seems their punishment hardly fits the case.

UNION CENTRAL WINS POINT AGAIN

The Court of Appeals yesterday morning handed down for the second time a decision in the famous telephone controversy in this county, the case known on the court records as The Celina & Mercer County Telephone Company, a Celina corporation, vs. the Union-Center Telephone Association, a mutual organization of Union and Center townships.

The former decision of the Court of Appeals was simply on a motion, but that decision was in favor of the defendants. In their decision yesterday, which was upon the case at bar, was again in favor of the defendants.

Judges Kinder and Crow concurred in the decision, with Judge Hughes dissenting. The following is the decision of the court received yesterday morning by Clerk of Courts Haslinger.

Finding and decree for defendant, at costs of plaintiff, on the ground that Section 614-52, General Code, is unconstitutional in that it is repugnant to Sections 1, 2 and 19, of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the United States. Motion for new trial overruled. Exceptions saved. Hughes, J. dissents. Opinion to be filed.

The case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

THE GRIM REAPER

Ernest Witham, a former resident of Celina, was almost instantly killed while testing a motor truck at Lima last Friday. His wife and children survive him. Mrs. Witham is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brookhart.

Funeral services were held at Lima Monday and the remains of the deceased brought here for interment.

Mrs. Bert Proffit, a former well known Hopewell township lady, died at her home at Dayton, last Friday. Death was due to heart trouble. She was a daughter of Joseph Pierstorff. The deceased is survived by her husband and two children.

The remains of the deceased were brought to this city last Sunday and taken to her old home for burial, where services were held in the afternoon, with Revs. Reitz, of this city, and Dellinger, of Ft. Recovery, in charge.

Wm. Kendall, aged 26 years, well known resident of Liberty township, who was thrown from a wagon and frightfully injured on the 13th inst., died last Friday. An operation was resorted to in the hope of saving his life, but it was no avail. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children. Funeral services were held Monday from the Liberty church.

Among Soldier Lads

Arthur Stein, of Wabash, and Stephen Schwieterman, of Franklin township, limited service men, left last Tuesday for Syracuse, N. Y., where they will do guard duty.

A service flag was dedicated at the Center M. E. church last Sunday evening. Rev. George Horn, of this city, delivering the address to a big gathering of people.

Supt. C. W. Howard, of the local light and water plant, and wife, are in receipt of a message announcing the safe arrival overseas of their son, Walter Howard, member of the 37th B.O.D. company.

Clayton C. Betz, of the U. S. Cruiser, Huntington, is spending several days of a furlough with his sister, Miss Bernice Miller in this city. He has been in the navy for the past 8 years, and has made several trips across during the present war.